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**Ector's Texas Brigade and the Battle of Allatoona, Ga.**  
By R. Todhunter, A. A. General.

The battle of Allatoona was fought on the 5th day of October, 1864, by Maj. General S. G. French's Division, composed of C. W. Sears Mississippi Brigade, F. M. Cockrells Missouri Brigade and the Ector's Texas Brigade, all of the Army of Tennessee.

This was the most terrible and sanguinary battle ever fought by any division of the Tenn. Army up to that time.

The Confederates numbering less than 2,800 effectives. The Fort of Allatoona was defended by Gen. Corse (Federal) with about an equal number of men behind the most formidable breastworks protected by every modern impediment known to scientific engineering.

This battle was about three hours duration, which consisted of repeated charges on the Federal works. The Federals were stationed in three contiguous forts, namely: Fort R., on the left, commanded by General Rouett, of Illinois and Iowa Troops, Fort C. or Star Fort in the center, commanded by General Corse, in person and Fort T. on the right, commanded by Colonel Tourtelotte with Iowa, Michigan and Illinois troops.

To charge these gallant Federals behind such splendid fortifications of almost impassable abattis of felled trees, and up a rugged mountain, was a frightful undertaking.

The Confederates succeeded in capturing Fort R and all its redoubts with a fearful loss to both sides, fighting hand to hand with bayonets and guns clubbed was simply horrible. The trenches in this fort captured was filled with the dead and wounded Federals. About this time, having expended what ammunition we had, before we could get supplies from our ordnance train some distance in the rear, we were ordered to withdraw, as Sherman with a large army, was near at hand, advancing with troops to the rescue of Corse, which would have cut French's Division off from Hood's army stationed near New Hope Church.

The Brigade officers, at the

time, censured General French, for not waiting the arrival of the ammunition, in order that they might take Fort C or Star Fort, as the Federals were crying "Cease firing," surrender, etc.

Sherman's proximity proved General French's withdrawal correct. The loss to the Texas Brigade up to this time, was: Its General (W. H. Young) (who was promoted to the command of this Brigade after General Ector, on 27th day of July, at Atlanta, next preceding this battle, had his leg shattered by a shell, which necessitated amputation between the hip and the knee), Col. J. L. Camp, of the 14th Texas, one of the best Colonels in the Army; also two Majors, Purdy and McReynolds; seven Captains; eleven Lieutenants and 290 men aggregate less than 900 the best soldiers on earth. The loss of General Cockrell's Missouri brigade was equally as heavy, losing some of his best officers and men. General Sear's Mississippi troops shared also a heavy loss. Out of 2,800 soldiers, French lost 899 killed and wounded.

It is seldom a well fortified fort is ever taken. During our four years fighting, I cannot now recall a single fort being taken, if properly manned, either by Federals or Confederates for instance. Atlanta, Vicksburg, Kennesaw Mountain, Franklin and others. Allatoona was far better fortified than any of these mentioned. It is estimated that one man behind the works is equivalent to five in front charging. And yet to show the desperation of this battle, the forces on either side were nearly equal.

Having lost all my official papers at Spanish Fort, opposite Mobile in April, 1865, I write the account of this battle of over 51 years ago, from memory alone, and hope any discrepancies may be overlooked.

I served with this Texas Brigade from the Battle of Richmond, Ky., in 1862, to the end of the war and was in every battle and skirmish with them in the armies of Tennessee and Mississippi. For fighting qualities, this Texas Brigade was excelled by no brigade in either army, if equalled by any. This statement can be verified by any brigade who served side by side with us during the war. The regiments composed this brigade entered the army with 8300 soldiers and surrendered at Meridian, Miss., on the 10th day of May, 1865, only 540 soldiers in the aggregate and not a dozen unwounded men in the brigade. I bear four slight wounds myself but know of many others of the brigade much worse.

The Western Atlantic railroad

from Chattanooga to Atlanta has a splendid picture of this battle, showing the hand to hand fighting over the works.

Mr. Griffith has in the "Birth of a Nation" a fac-simile of this battle charge thoroughly pictured out.

Sherman, who was near at hand with his large army, advancing to the rescue of Corse, sent him repeated signals, such as "Hold the Fort, I am Coming," "Near You," "Sherman working hard for you," "Sherman moving in force," Sherman says, hold the Fort, we are coming." The great Evangelist P. P. Bliss, the first Sunday after this battle, had this song, "Hold the Fort," sung in his tabernacle at Chicago. It was caught by a thousand voices and from that day to this it has been a standard Gospel lyric.

**"THE SONG"**

Ho! My comrades, see the signal  
Waving in the sky,  
Reinforcements now appearing  
Victory is nigh.

Hold the fort for I am coming  
Jesus signals still,  
Wave the answer back to heaven,  
By Thy grace, we will.

Captain Todhunter says it is quite likely he is the only Confederate A. A. General commissioned by the President, living in Missouri today. Statistics show that 7-11 of the brigade of A. A. Generals were killed or wounded during the war.

The Federals reported a heavy loss of officers and men nearly equal to ours in this battle. The Federal officers recklessly exposed themselves in order to encourage their men to fire over the works at us, as many were crying, "Surrender," "Cease Firing." General Corse, the commander in chief of the Federals, stationed in the center fort (called C or Star Fort) was badly wounded, also his other fort commanders, General Rouett and Col. Tourtelotte, were severely wounded.

Encouraged as they were by General Sherman's repeated signals to hold out as he was near at hand, they fought with desperation.

This battle should not have been fought. It was a useless expenditure of life of the best soldiers on earth. Confederates were misinformed as to the strength of the Federals as General Corse's command from Rome, Georgia, arrived in the night preceding the battle.

The Kansas City Journal says that, it cost Jackson county and Kansas City \$225,915.85 to grade 11.26 miles of road leading to William R. Nelson's farm, and that \$140,515.20 of it was graft. The Star, of course, doesn't print this, as the managing editor, Mr. Stout, owns a farm near the Nelson farm.

Approximately 900,000,000 prisoners have been taken in the European conflict to date. That number includes a great many prospective Ford buyers. Yet some people wonder why Henry is so eager for peace.

Billy Sunday says: You old lobster! You don't want to dance with your wife! It's some other fellow's wife. You had just as soon go out and husk corn by moonlight all night as to dance with your wife.

"Knowledge is power,"—except in the case of an overdraft notice.

The prayer of the postoffice men: Mail early—wrap securely—address plainly.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

George T. Harris went to Winton yesterday morning on business.

**FARMING AS BUSINESS TO BE EXPLAINED AT M. U.**

Lecturers at Farmers' Week Will Tell Ways of Saving by Careful Management and Direction.

Have you noticed that of two farmers, given equal advantages, one makes about two dollars while the other makes one, and have you tried to figure out just how he does this? The College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri has placed on the program of the Farmers' Short Course, the part of the College of Agriculture in the Farmers' Week program, January 3 to 7, men who have noticed this and who have found reasons for it. These men will talk about farming as a business.

Not all the course of lectures on the business side of farming will be taken up with discussions of prices, marketing, standardization and co-operation, though these will be considered. Men will talk about farm records—of what records should be kept, what they should show and what form they are most easily made. Charts and lantern slides will show copies of actual records. There will be four lectures on farm records and accounts.

The importance to the farmer of a good-sized business, several sources of income, high yields, good live stock, and keeping all labor on the farm regularly employed at productive work will be illustrated by data taken from Missouri farms. Large numbers of successful farmers will be compared with less successful ones in an effort to find some reasons for the greater success.

Talks on filling corners, or the profit side of farming, will be made to show some sidelines that can be carried on to increase profits. For example, the profit from selling part of a crop of corn grown from pure bred seed for seed purposes with very little added cost of production, will be pointed out.

The talks on farm management and the business side of farming will be under the direction of O. R. Johnson, D. H. Doane, S. D. Gromer and R. M. Green of the College of Agriculture. These men will be aided by practical farmers from various parts of the state.

**R. A. Chapter Elects Officers.**  
Lexington Chapter No. 10, Royal Arch Masons, held their annual election Monday night. The following officers were chosen:

H. T. Phillips, high priest; Dr. Z. M. Williams, king; Hubert Bates, scribe; H. C. Chiles, captain of the host. Guy T. Morrison, principal sojourner; Dr. C. W. Johnson, Royal Arch captain; F. Lee Wallace, master of the third veil; S. W. Williams, master of the first veil; J. C. Shelton, treasurer; Dr. W. R. Eckle, secretary; C. B. Waddell, sentinel.

The installation will take place at the regular convocation in January.

**W. O. W. Officers Elected.**  
Lexington Camp No. 139, Woodmen of the World, Monday night elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Thomas Wedge, consul commander; John I. Ashurst, adviser lieutenant; W. S. Marrs, banker; Harry Taubman, clerk; Roscoe Golladay, escort; James Caldwell, watchman; William T. Price, sentry; J. W. Warder, Jr., manager; Dr. C. T. Ryland, Dr. J. Q. Cope and Dr. B. T. Payne, physicians.

Mrs. Martha E. Lanyon, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Ristine, returned this morning to her home in Joplin. Mrs. Ristine accompanied her as far as Kansas City.

Mrs. Vince Owen went to Garland, Mo., yesterday for a visit.

**Sixty Years the Standard**

**Dr. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER**

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Mrs. J. R. Legg went to Marshall Monday for a visit.

H. F. Blackwell went to Kansas City Monday morning to spend the day on legal business.

Mrs. Mary E. Owens went to Hodge Monday for a visit.

Mrs. S. Sellers, Jr., went to Kansas City Monday for a brief visit.

Try giving your boy and girl a bank account for Christmas  
Be a Careful Man



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